GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Government to prevent accidents on National Highways and to ensure unobstructed traffic;

(b) if so, the measures taken for the safety of vehicular traffic on National Highways;

(c) the criteria on which States are given assistance for constructing new roads and developing the existing road; and

(d) the amount given to Rajasthan State for construction improvement and maintenance of Highways during the last two years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b):Identifying road accident prone stretches is a continuing process and road safety aspects are taken into consideration while formulating proposals for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).The Government is undertaking various improvement works like widening to 4-lanes, strengthening existing two lane pavements, construction of bypass of geometric improvements and also provide road signs, markings etc. to make road safety for vehicular traffic. In addition steps are also undertaken to create awareness amongst various categories of Road Users.

(c): The Central Government is providing funds to the States for development of National Highways keeping in view their requirement of fund for completion of the ongoing works, new works to be sanctioned as per the approved annual plan and the overall availability of fund. In addition funds are also being provided for development and maintenance of State roads from the Central Road Fund based on the petrol and diesel consumption as also the geographical area of the State. Funds are also provided under Strategic Roads Schemes and roads of Economic and Inter State importance.

(d): Following funds were allotted to State Government of Rajasthan for roads in Rajasthan :

(Rs. in crore)

Year	National Highways	State Roads
i) 1998-99	83.24	1.77
ii) 1999-2000	130.34	1.58
iii) 2000-2001	164.18	75.82